

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 3, 2022

NATIONAL

- On June 2, Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan - said the Centre is planning to set up model schools under the name 'PM Shri Schools'



- ✓ These schools will be equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and prepare students for the future.
- ✓ According to the Minister, these schools will act as the “laboratory of NEP 2020”.
- ✓ The Union Minister was addressing a two-day national education ministers’ conference in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ The National Education Ministers’ Conference is being conducted with a focus on implementation of the new NEP.
- ✓ This event was attended by the education ministers of 32 states and UTs while Tamil Nadu had boycotted the meeting
- ✓ Among those present at the conference were Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel, Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant, union minister of state for education and skill development, chairperson of steering committee for developing a new National Curriculum Framework K Kasturirangan and other officials

INTERNATIONAL

- **Turkish foreign minister - has sent a letter to the United Nations formally requesting that his country be referred to as “Turkiye”**
- ✓ The move is seen as part of a push by Turkey to rebrand the country and dissociate its name from the bird, turkey, and some negative connotations that are associated with it.
- ✓ President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s government has been pressing for the internationally recognised name ‘Turkey’ to be changed to “Turkiye” (tur-keyYAY) as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish.
- ✓ The country called itself “Turkiye” in 1923 after its declaration of independence.
- ✓ In December, Erdogan ordered the use of “Turkiye” to better represent Turkish culture and values, including demanding that “Made in Turkiye” be used on exported products.
- ✓ Later, Ministries too began using “Turkiye” in official papers.
- ✓ Earlier this year, the government also released a promotional video as part of its attempts to change its name in English with the tourists saying “Hello Turkiye” at famous destinations.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **Vice President Venkaiah Naidu – is on a three nation visit to Gabon, Senegal and Qatar from May 30 to June 7, 2022**



- ✓ He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation including Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar and three Members of Parliament, Sushil Kumar Modi (Rajya Sabha), Vijay Pal Singh Tomar (Rajya Sabha) and P. Ravindhranath (Lok Sabha).
- ✓ This will be the first visit from India at the level of Vice President to all three countries.
- ✓ This will also be the first-ever high level visit from India to Gabon and to Senegal
- ✓ The visit to Qatar, as both sides prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, will further enhance the bilateral ties.

- ✓ Both India and Gabon are currently serving as non-permanent members of the UNSC and their bilateral trade reached \$ 1.12 billion in 2021-22
- ✓ Senegal is the current Chair of the African Union and its bilateral trade with India reached \$ 1.65 billion in 2021-22
- ✓ India and Senegal are celebrating the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations.
- ✓ Qatar is hosting around 7,50,000 Indians and the bilateral trade between both the countries crossed \$15 billion in FY 2021-22
- ✓ Further, during the visit, the Vice President will hold delegation level talks with the leaders of all the three countries and is expected to sign MoUs with the countries for mutual cooperation
- ✓ He will also interact with the business community and address the Indian diaspora.

ECONOMY

- **Tata Motors – overtakes rival Hyundai to emerge as the number two passenger vehicles maker in India, behind top player Maruti Suzuki**
- ✓ Tata Motors sent 43,341 units to domestic dealerships in May 2022, which included 3,454 units of electric versions of Nexon SUV and Tigor mini sedan.
- ✓ Hyundai sent 42,293 units to the domestic market (while it exported 8,970 units), and attributed the lower wholesale volumes to a “scheduled biannual maintenance shutdown” in its Chennai factory
- ✓ To top the country, Maruti’s sales in the month stood at 1. 24 lakh units.
- ✓ This is the second time in the past six months when Tata has beaten Hyundai in monthly sales
- ✓ Previously, it was in December 2021 that Hyundai had slipped to No 3.
- ✓ It regained No 2 in Jan 2022 and remained the same until last month.
- ✓ Among other companies, Mahindra sold 26,904 units in May 2022, while Kia Motors sold 18,718 units, Toyota 10,216 units and Honda Cars 8,188 units.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Former SBI MD Ashwani Bhatia - has joined markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) as a whole-time member (WTM).**



- ✓ The government had selected Bhatia as an WTM in March.
- ✓ WTMs are a rank below the Sebi chairman and hold charge of several departments within the regulatory body.
- ✓ They are also members of Sebi's board of directors.
- ✓ At the regulatory body, Bhatia will head several departments that including debt & hybrid securities, alternative investment fund & foreign portfolio investors, market intermediaries regulation & supervision, corporation finance investigation and office of investor assistance & education.
- ✓ Bhatia will be the third WTM at Sebi along with S K Mohanty and Ananta Barua.
- ✓ Bhatia has been appointed for an initial period of three years from the date of assuming charge
- ✓ In August 2020, he was elevated as Managing Director of SBI, where he joined as a probationary officer in 1985.
- ✓ Before that, he was working as the MD and chief executive officer of SBI Mutual Fund.
- ✓ Bhatia has wide experience in treasury operations, retail banking, credit, investment banking and asset management
- ✓ The government is yet to appoint the fourth member at Sebi.
- ✓ For the appointment of the WTM post at Sebi, the candidates are shortlisted by the Financial Sector Regulatory Appointments Search Committee (FSRASC), headed by the Cabinet Secretary
- ✓ The market regulator functioned with just two WTMs for the past seven months after Sebi's current chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch's tenure as WTM ended on October 4, 2021 and G. Mahalingam demitted office on November 8, 2021.

SPORTS

- **Indian chess legend V Anand - has re-entered the world's top ten rankings in chess during the Norway Chess 2022 event at Stavanger, following a string of victories**



- ✓ A five-time world champion, Anand's rating improved to 2761 Elo, after three straight wins over former world champion Veselin Topalov, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, and Hao
 - ✓ With this, 52-year-old Anand became one of the oldest to re-enter the world's top-10 rankings — the elite club he once ruled for around 25 years since 1991
 - ✓ Anand, who had defeated Carlsen in the blitz event earlier, continued the good run in the tournament
 - ✓ With the victory over Carlsen, the Indian ace climbed to the 9th spot in the world live rating list.
 - ✓ The last time Anand was in the top 10 bracket was 32 months ago in October 2019.
 - ✓ In the live chess ratings among the top 30 players in the world, Anand, at 52, is the oldest player on the list
 - ✓ The 47-year-old Topalov follows the five-time world champion in the 22nd position
- **The government - has allocated a fund of Rs 15.03 crore exclusively to conduct the Khelo India women's leagues across nine disciplines for the next four years to identify new talents**
- ✓ The funds will include cash prizes amounting to a total of Rs 4.23 crore to the players
 - ✓ The funds will be directly released to the respective national sports federations (NSFs) for the purpose of conducting the leagues.
 - ✓ The sports ministry has approved proposals for hosting age-group tournaments for women across nine disciplines, under the Khelo India scheme.
 - ✓ The nine disciplines selected by the ministry include hockey, archery, weightlifting, cycling, boxing, swimming, wrestling, volleyball and judo.
 - ✓ More than 23,000 female athletes from across the country are expected to take part in the competition.
 - ✓ The recently-concluded women's hockey league in the under-21 age category in Lucknow was first of such initiatives
 - ✓ Similar leagues across the senior, junior, youth and cadet categories will take place in other sports as well.
 - ✓ The Khelo India women's hockey league in the under-16 category has also been approved by the ministry
 - ✓ The league will be held across New Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha over three phases in August, October and December, respectively.

